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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN RECOGNITION

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1. CHARGE CALLED ON A.V. MABA, UNDERSECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, NOVEMBER 9 TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION REFTEL CONCERNING ACTUAL SITUATION IN ANGOLA AND TO EXPRESS USG HOPE THAT GOS WOULD REFRAIN FROM MAKING ANY HASTY MOVE TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AS GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA AT TIME OF INDEPENDENCE. AFTER EXPLAINING THAT HE WAS CALLING ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON BECAUSE HE UNDERSTOOD GOS COUNCIL OF MINISTERS MIGHT BE MEETING MONDAY MORNING TO DISCUSS THIS AND OHTER (ZIONIMS/RACISM) MATTERS, CHARGE ALSO TOLD MAMBA THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING GOS ASSESSMENT OF ANGOLAN SITUATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. DURING STAG DINNER FOR VISITING EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ZAHID NOVEMBER 10, GOS MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATSEBULA INFORMED CHARGE THAT HE AND OTHER SENIOR GOS OFFICIALS HAD BEEN INFORMED BY MAMBA OF USG POSITION ON ANGOLAN RECOGNITION. MATSEBULA SAID THAT IN GOS VIEW THIS WAS AN OAU MATTER, AND OAU PRESIDENT AMIN WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN MEDIATION EFFORT. SINCE OAU HAD RECOGNIZED ALL THREE ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, IT WOULD NOT BE PROPER FOR ANY OAU MEMBER TO RECOGNIZE ONE OF THEM AS SOLE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA AT THIS TIME. WHILE HE  
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REALIZED THAT SOME AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS WOULD IMMEDIATELY

RECOGNIZE THE MPLA, "BECAUSE OF THEIR IDEOLOGY," SWAZILAND  
INTENDED TO DELAY ANY DECISION AND WORK TOWARDS AN OAU CONSENSUS.  
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